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SUBJECT:STATUS REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 10-11

MEETING OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

SUBCOMMITTEE OF U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION

REF: TEHRAN 784

1. WE WILL BE PREPARED ON OUR SIDE TO DISCUSS WITH THE
IRANIANS POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ANY OF THE
SEVEN AREAS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 1 OF REFTEL. OUR PREFERENCE
IN GENERAL IS TO HAVE THE TWO SIDES CONCENTRATE INITIALLY
UPON A RELATIVELY LIMITED NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY AREAS
AND TO TRY TO ACHIEVE EARLY AND TANGIBLE RESULTS RATHER
THAN STRETCHING OURSELVES TOO THIN AND RUNNING THE RISK
OF ACHIEVING LESS IN THE PROCESS. WE WOULD ALSO LOOK
WITH FAVOR UPON COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO
IRANIAN PLANS FOR STRENGTHENING EXISTING OR FOUNDING NEW
RESEARCH CENTERS.

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2. PROPOSED OBJECTIVES FOR THE MEETING. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE MEETING WILL PRODUCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) THE FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES AND MODE OF OPERATION OF THE ST&E COMMITTEE; (2) IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR COOPERATION; (3) PLANS AND TIMETABLES FOR GETTING WORK PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS

ACTUALLY UNDERWAY; (4) DESIGNATION OF CONTACT AND COORDINATION POINTS WITHIN EACH OF THE GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AREAS AGREED UPON (ALL THE FOREGOING WOULD OF COURSE TAKE THE FORM OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT COMMISSION).

3. FUNDING MATTERS. WE ANTICIPATE SOME DISCUSSION OR AT LEAST QUESTIONS RELATING TO FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND MECHANISMS.

4. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.

MONDAY

10:00 AM - 12 NOON - OPENING PLENARY SESSION. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUTURE MODE OF OPERATION OF COMMITTEE. IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR COOPERATION AND DESIGNATION OF WORKING GROUPS FOR EACH PRIORITY AREA.

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - WORKING GROUP SESSIONS. PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAMS IN PRIORITY COOPERATION AREAS. WE PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS IN FUNCTIONAL AREAS IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL AS PRIORITY INTERESTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE FLEXIBLE ON NUMBER AND CONTENT OF SUCH GROUPS.

TUESDAY

10:00 AM - 12 NOON - CONTINUATION OF WORKING GROUP SESSION

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION. STUDY OF WORKING GROUP REPORTS AND PREPARATION OF REPORT TO JCC. (WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN AN AGREED UPON MINUTE AND WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.)

5. COMPOSITION OF U.S. DELEGATION

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REPRESENTATIVE OF NOAA

WE WILL ALSO HAVE PRESENT AT THE MEETING REPRESENTATIVES
OF NASA, AND NBS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AGENCY PEOPLE
AS MAY BE NEEDED FOR WORKING GROUP PURPOSES. WE NEED
TO KNOW ASAP THE COMPOSITION OF THE IRANIAN DELEGATION AND
BIO SKETCHES OF MEMBERS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU CAN GET CONCERNING KINDS OF AC-
TIVITIES IRANIANS CONTEMPLATE UNDER BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE.

6. NBS SAYS IT WILL BE INTERESTED IN ACTIVITIES RELATING
TO BUILDING TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE
RELATED TO LOW COST HOUSING, AND STANDARDIZATION IN THE
PETRO CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

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TRYING TO FIND OUT WHETHER IRANIANS WILL BE INTERESTED IN
POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN SUCH AREAS AS RESEARCH
ON DRUG USE AND ABUSE, STUDIES OF THE IMPACT OF RAPID IN-
DUSTRIALIZATION, ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH SERVICES, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INCLUDING NUTRI-
TION STUDIES, DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND FAMILY PLAN-
NING, HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING INNOVATIVE
MEDICAL EDUCATION TECHNIQUES AND NEW METHODS OF NURSING
EDUCATION, AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH.

8. DESPITE ABSENCE OF CLEAR SIGNALS REGARDING IRANIAN IN-
TERESTS IN EDUCATION FIELD, U.S. DELEGATION PLANNING TO
RAISE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: (1) IRANIAN-AMERICAN INSTITU-
TION-TO-INSTITUTION RELATIONSHIPS IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD.
CU HAS NUMEROUS INDICATIONS FROM U.S. INSTITUTIONS INVOL-

VED THAT U.S. SCHOOLS WITH IRANIAN CONTRACTS ARE ENCOUNTER-
ING MOUNTING DIFFICULTIES IN ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTING AGREE-

MENTS. PROBLEMS, RELATED PARTLY TO CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
AND NATIONAL STYLES MIGHT FRUITFULLY BE ADDRESSED AT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING OF THIS TYPE. (2) POSSIBILITY
OF ESTABLISHING AMERICAN LIBRARIES AND UNIVERSITIES BOOK
PROCUREMENT CENTER IN TEHRAN WITH LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AD-
MINISTERING OPERATION POSSIBLY TO BE FUNDED BY GOI.
(3) WAYS U.S. AND IRAN CAN COLLABORATE TO ENHANCE EX-
PERIENCE OF IRANIAN STUDENTS IN THE U.S. (4) STRENGTHEN-
ING IRANIAN-AMERICAN TWO WAY COLLABORATION IN THE SOCIAL
SCIENCES. IN ADDITION WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY INFORMA-
TION EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN ON TOPICS GOI WANTS TO DISCUSS UN-
DER THE EDUCATION ITEM IN THE AGENDA.

9. WE ARE NOW EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF HOSTING A
LUNCH ON MONDAY. KISSINGER

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